

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 476 - SB 529

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts any honorably discharged veteran from the required \$50 fee to renew a handgun carry permit. Requires the applicant to produce a copy of the permit holder's certificate of release or discharge from active duty, a Department of Defense form 214 (DD 214), or honorable discharge certificate, or a Department of Defense form 256 (DD 256).

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenue - \$258,900/Handgun Permit Division

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety (DOS) reports that the department is currently unable to determine the number of permit holders that would receive the military exemption due to the information not currently being coded or captured in their system.
- According to population statistics, an estimated 7.8 percent of Tennessee's population are veterans.
- The cost for a handgun carry permit renewal is \$50. One hundred percent of permit renewal fee revenue is retained by the Handgun Permit Division of DOS.
- Based on information provided by DOS, the five-year average for handgun carry permit renewals is 66,370 per year.
- An extrapolated 7.8 percent of all renewal transactions involve honorably discharged veterans who would qualify for the proposed fee waiver. The total number of renewal fee waivers is estimated to be 5,177 (66,370 x 7.8%).
- The recurring decrease in permit revenue to the Handgun Permit Division is estimated to be \$258,850 (5,177 x \$50).
- Honorably discharged veterans that receive a renewal fee waiver will still require a renewed permit card; as a result, no reductions in administrative costs to the Handgun Permit Division of DOS.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffery A. Spalding".

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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